



## Montréal Communiqué

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THE BIG BOOT: George Springate, Liberal MNA for Ste. Anne's and placement specialist of the football Alouettes, will be the key speaker, Wednesday, February 24 at the pre-kick off dinner for the Montreal YMCA 1971 financial campaign.

The campaign, to run March 8-20, has a city-wide objective of \$400,000. Proceeds will help support programs and activities that cope with urgent problems which would be self-perpetuating if ignored.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC: A bilingual youth centre is now being operated in Lachine-Dorval YMCA. Y street workers and a diversified group of volunteer professionals are providing medical and psychiatric assistance, legal aid and help with personal, group and family problems.

The staff of medical volunteers consists of a gynecologist, a psychiatrist, a general practitioner, several nurses and a pharmacist. There are also a lawyer, a priest, a number of social workers and school counsellors.

SINKING THE NAVY: Ex-matelot, Len Boucher, now physical education director at Verdun-LaSalle YMCA, led a group of fellow Y staffers to an 8-4 hockey victory over a team from the Ville LaSalle naval depot.

WEST ISLAND FITNESS CENTRE: A comprehensive fitness and health centre is expected to be in operation in West Island Y before April 1st. It will serve men and women, offer planned programs and contain the most up-to-date equipment and facilities.

IMW IN TROUBLE: Eleventh hour attempts are under way to rescue the Integrated Media Workshop. This project has been rechanneling creative capabilities of alienated young people into the field of communication. Lack of funds may force it to be terminated.

DAY CARE CENTRE: As part of the Y's Mile End West Project, a day-care centre is slated to open on Jeanne Mance Street near St. Viateur in a few weeks. The undertaking, to accommodate 47 youngsters age 3-5, is supported by the Provincial government. It will serve children from low-income immigrant families.

OVERCOMING HANDICAPS: Northwestern (NDG) Y's phys ed department has developed a "Recreational and Socialization" program for children with perceptual handicaps. These include: difficulty in coordinating hands and eyes, visual interpretation and laterality. Work with an initial group of 20 youngsters, age 4-7, is scheduled to start in about three weeks.

MONTREAL YOUTH CLINIC BUSY: Caseload of the Montreal Youth Clinic on Ste. Famille Street now averages 600-700 a month. A demographic study now under way indicates that young people from all over Greater Montreal are currently availing themselves of its free medical and psychiatric services. Results of the survey are expected to be released early in February.

THE DRUG SCENE: A recent analysis shows that 11 staff members of the Y's Central Outreach Unit now spend 55-65 per cent of their time working with adolescents involved with problems related to drugs. Observation of activities in parks and playgrounds indicates an increasing number of pre-teens are experimenting with drugs.

THE Y IN ACTION: Samplings of the Y in action are presented in a 10½-minute audio-visual presentation, available in both English and French to service clubs, community organizations, citizen's committee, etc. For bookings, please call Miss Yolande Soucy at 849-5331, local 739.

EASING CHILDBIRTH: In co-operation with the Victorian Order of Nurses, Verdun-LaSalle has started an exercise and discussion program to physically and psychologically prepare expectant mothers for childbirth.

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